

21 February 1951

Major General William J. Donovan
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Two Wall Street
New York 5, New York

Dear General:

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The information concerning [redacted] which you forwarded to me on 19 February, I have sent on to Personnel asking that they send her the proper forms. Apparently her name had been given to [redacted] a few days ago, and as yet no action had been taken.

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If the choice of a lawyer is of considerable importance, I would recommend that inquiry be made to Judge Jasper Brinton, who is, I believe, still legal attache at the embassy in Cairo. You will recall that he was President of Mixed Courts until they were abolished last year and probably knows more about Egyptian law and lawyers than any living American.

I do not know whether I ever mentioned to you that Jim Donovan sent me all the background information on the establishment and staffing of war crimes courts, and particularly the work you did in preparation for Justice Jackson and his staff. I gave these to Judge Brinton who is keenly interested, particularly in the procedural aspects as he felt that the mixed courts were one of the few precedents for the type of judicial activity that was established for war crimes trials. I know he corresponded with Justice Jackson and possibly also with yourself.

Very truly yours,

LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON
General Counsel